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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6775**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1482

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 28, 2014

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Office of Marriage Promotion.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Thompson

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill has the following provisions:

- (1) Establishes the Office of Marriage Promotion (Office) and the Office of Marriage Promotion Fund.
- (2) Provides that the goal of the office is to increase the number of children born to married parents and that the office shall promote the following ideas: (a) children born to married parents are more likely to better develop academically and socially; (b) children born to married parents are more likely to be physically and emotionally healthier; and (c) children born into single parent households are more likely to live in poverty, commit crimes, commit suicide, use illegal drugs and tobacco, drop out of school, be an unemployed adult, and be incarcerated.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2015.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Summary:* At a minimum, the bill would require the Governor to appoint a Director of the Office of Marriage Promotion.

The bill's requirements represent an additional workload and/or expenditure on the Governor's Office outside of the Office's routine administrative functions. Existing staffing and resource levels, if currently being used to capacity, may be insufficient to implement the provisions of the bill. The additional funds and resources required could be supplied through existing staff and resources currently being used in another program or with new appropriations. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend on legislative and administrative actions.

**Additional Information:** The bill creates the Office of Marriage Promotion Fund for purposes of funding the Office of Marriage Promotion. However, the bill does not appropriate any money to the fund. Funding for the Office of Marriage Promotion would most likely come from the General Fund or from a transfer from another fund.

The bill establishes the Office of Marriage Promotion and requires the Governor to appoint the Office's Director. The Director is authorized to employ necessary staff for operations, but any staff expenditures would be subject to the State Budget Agency's approval.

The Department of Child Services (DCS) Ombudsman's office was created in 2009. For the FY 2014 and FY 2015 biennium, a total of \$216,000 was annually appropriated for operations, including one Director and two support staff positions. The Director receives \$97,000 in salary, whereas the two support staff positions receive approximately \$35,000 each. Total salary, fringe, and other indirect costs based on a salary of \$97,000 are estimated to be \$135,000 annually.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Office of Governor.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** December 2014 *Staffing Report*; FY 2014 - 2015 budget information.

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